



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**REGION IX**

**75 Hawthorne Street**

**San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

**Notice of Public Workshop on  
Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit  
For Wastewater Treatment Discharge  
Coyote Valley Reservation, Redwood Valley, CA**

**Time:** Wednesday, July 23, 2008. 6:00 pm

**Location:** The Bingo Hall, Coyote Valley Shodakai Casino  
Located on Coyote Valley Road, next to the Casino.

**Background:** The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians has applied for a new NPDES permit to allow the discharge of treated effluent from the Coyote Valley Reservation to Forsythe Creek, Tributary to the Russian River. Currently, wastewater from the existing casino, community center, and approximately 32 single-family residences is disposed of via septic tanks and leachfields. A tribal Environmental Impact Report was completed in June, 2007, for the planned project, which includes the development of a new casino, hotel, parking complex, and a new wastewater treatment system. The treatment system will be comprised of an immersed membrane bioreactor (MBR), a tertiary treatment system similar to an activated sludge treatment plant with the addition of membrane technology, plus disinfection.

**Purpose of Public Workshop:** EPA will host a public workshop to present ideas in its consideration for the draft permit, describe regulatory requirements of the Clean Water Act, and describe the public participation process for permit issuance. EPA will solicit advice and will address questions and comments. Additionally, the Tribe will present details of the proposed wastewater treatment system. Any person who would like to request a reasonable accommodation should contact the person listed below prior to the workshop.

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